



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Regular Meeting
January 18, 2018
5:00pm

236 Highland Avenue, CHA Medical Building

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Robert Ciccio, Board Member

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipham from ISD/Health Division; Cory Mashburn from SOP; Bonny Carroll from Tobacco Control

Guests: Representatives/Owners from Pho n Rice and Hissho Sushi; Liz Quaratiello, School Nurse @ WSNS

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:08pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the November 16, 2017 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado

Hissho Sushi Variance Hearing: Hissho Sushi came in front of the board for a HAACP variance for acidified rice. Mr. Lipham reviewed the HAACP variance, and it meets all requirements.

Dr. Green made a motion to vote to grant a variance to Hissho Sushi for their haacp plan for acidified rice. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pho n Rice Hearing: There were 3 inspections at this establishment. The first inspection 13 critical and 10 non-critical violations were found. The second inspection 4 critical and 6 non-critical violations were found and a \$200 ticket was issued. The third inspection 4 non-critical and 4 critical violations were found. The violations cited were temperature abuse, pest control issues and preparation equipment was found in basement. Pho n Rice was asked to have emergency extermination inspections done and to send the full reports to Ms. Collins. This was never done. Dr. Green felt that Pho n Rice due to language barriers had lack of comprehension on what they needed to do to come into compliance. Dr. Green made a motion that Pho n Rice will close for one (1) week for a deep cleaning starting on Saturday, January 20, 2018 and will re-open on Saturday, January 27, 2018; rehire Lisa Berger for a one (1) year, and the consultant must do monthly inspections; focusing on temperature and pest controls issues, provide any trainings needed for staff. All pest control reports must be sent to Elise Collins when done. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Drug Paraphernalia Proposed Regulation Hearing: Dr. Green made a motion to open the public hearing at 5:50pm and Ms. Machado seconded it. Mr. Mashburn gave an overview of the City of Somerville's proposed regulations on prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia. A short discussion followed and questions were answered. Dr. Green made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:55pm. Dr. Green made a motion to vote and to adopt the proposed the City of Somerville's Board of Health regulations prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia. The regulations will become effective on Thursday, March 1, 2018. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HHS Updates: Due to water pipes bursting at the location where the HHS is housed, staff are now currently relocated to various city buildings until repairs or a new permanent location can be found. Mr. Mashburn, the Director of Office of Prevention, Lanita Foley, the LGBTQ Liaison, and Jennifer Moynihan, a ft school nurse all have recently resigned from their positions with the HHS Department. The city is still currently looking for ft and pt nurses. An article on the Wellbeing report was published in the ScoutSomerville quarterly magazine dated Jan 15 – Mar 12th 2018. The city will have a working taskforce to oversee the implementation of the recreational medical marijuana.

Next Meetings: February 15, 2018
CHA Medical Building, 236 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 01245

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Agenda, November 16, 2017 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet; BOH Action Sheets (2), Proposed Regulations Prohibiting the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia, State DPH Informational Letters (3), MHOA Tobacco Letter, ScoutSomerville Magazine

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
January 23, 2018